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LOSS AND CONFUSION

Paducah is Suffering—Everything at Standstill.

No Lights, Motive Power, or Telegraph, and Eleven Twelfths of the Telephones Ruined.

THE LOSSES CANNOT BE ESTIMATED

This is perhaps the worst weather in the history of Paducah. To add to the sombre gloom and disagreeable weather, business has been practically dead, and thousands of dollars lost by the necessary closing down of important industries, resulting from broken electric wires.

The rain soaked into the sleet and snow that had accumulated, adding tons of weight to the already heavy masses on houses and wires.

The water on the wires froze, and the weight bore them down until they were snapping like threads.

In many places the poles themselves snapped off like so many matches.

The confusion resulting from the

We trust Wednesday, January 29th, will go way back and sit down

Rudy, Phillips & Co.

STILL HOPE

"Yes, when I proposed to that literary girl she used one of those editorial form. Said a rejection did not necessarily imply a lack of merit," etc."

"You seem hopeful."

"You wonder. The form concluded by saying: 'And although compelled to reject your present efforts would be pleased to hear from you again.'—Exchange."

Save doctor's bills by telephoning us for a pair of rubber boots or shoes for your child.

Rudy, Phillips & Co.

NOTHING DONE.

IT MAY BE FRIDAY BEFORE THE CARNIVAL CONTRACT IS LET.

The Elks Jubilee Carnival Committee has not yet let the carnival contract, but may do so by Friday. The members are in "torments" in some of them, the seams of the tin roof being pressed apart, forcing the seams, at other times adequate in every particular, and permitting the water to pour in in torrents. The most energetic force of clerks and assistants could

not in many instances keep out the water, and the merchants forced to sit by and see much of their stock ruined.

There is hardly a business house in the city that has not been damaged to some extent by the ice weighting down the roof and causing leaks.

A Sun reporter made the rounds of most of the business houses. In many cases the leaks could not be remedied, although the men had shovellers on the roof working all day shoveling the snow and ice from the building. Many residences were damaged to a great extent by the water, but they are too numerous to mention.

Foreman Bros., novelty works, of lower Broadway suffered a loss of about \$500, all the novelties then in stock being damaged.

Chas. Rodfus' saloon, at Third and Court streets, about \$75 to furnishings.

Gardner Bros., store, on Third street, damage to entire stock to the amount of \$1500 and probably more. Everything in the store seemed drenched.

Wallerstein Bros., suffered little, but had a bad leak. All the clerks were on the roof at day break shoveling the ice off and thus a great damage was prevented. The damage will amount to about \$100.

Rudy, Phillips & Co., suffered a loss of only about \$50. The leak was caught soon after it began and the roof immediately cleared.

Hank Bros., hardware company suffered little, but a bad leak. All the stock was moved away from the leaks immediately after it was discovered.

E. Rehkopf saddlery company will probably suffer the most as very building was leaking, and the entire stock seemed to be soaked, and the office building is the only one that did not suffer damage.

Michael Bros. saddlery company and hardware store was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

E. B. Harbour was damaged to the extent of about \$100.

The E. E. Sutherland Co. suffered a loss of about \$500 and possibly more. All the labels to the medicines and printed matter was ruined. It was all stored on the second floor and was caught before

it could be removed to a safe place. Covington Bros. Grocery Co. suffered some little loss but as the building is new the roof was sounder than most and leaked but little. It is a gravel roof and the only fear was for the roof holding up under the weight.

The J. T. Powell implement company suffered a loss of several dollars to implements.

The damage to the Kentucky Glass

& Queensware company was slight but the roof was leaking pretty badly.

George O. Hart & Co. were unable to estimate the amount of damage but it is great. Much stock on the third and second floors was damaged and little could be done to remedy the leak.

L. B. Ogilvie's stock was damaged to the amount of about \$500.

B. Weille suffered a slight loss. The Arcade roof leaked all the morning and all the tin ware and other damageable wares on the second and third floors was damaged. The loss is estimated at about \$800.

The Gleaves Furniture company suffered one of the biggest losses in the city. The loss as estimated by Mr. Gleaves is about \$1,500 with a possible increase.

DuBois & Co. suffered little.

There is now no way to get fire alarms into central or the south side station except by taking it in. The fire alarm wires are all down, and as there are sixteen miles of them, Chief Woods thinks that the damage to the city from the fire alarm alone will be \$500 for wires, and much more for labor. The Water Company has a man at the stations to notify the engineer at the water works in case of fire, and the best is being done under the circumstances.

The city electric plant is also badly damaged. Many wires are down, but Supt. Wallace thinks he could have some of the most important circuits ready by tonight. Owing to the confused condition of other wires, however, Mayor Reed will allow no power to be turned on until all danger from live wires and fires that might result from them, is eliminated. There is no telling when this will be.

As long as there are any loose wires hanging about, there will be danger of them becoming live and killing someone or setting fire to houses.

The greatest damage done thus far is to the telephone company. Its loss will be close to \$30,000. Over 100 poles have been broken short off, and many miles of wire are hopelessly tangled. This morning there were only 100 out of 1200 telephones working, and the only thing to be done is to cut the wires and prepare to put up new poles and wires as fast as possible. While the old wires might be used again, it would take too long to undertake to straighten them out.

Supt. Joyes thinks that if he can get the number of linemen he needs, 150, he may be able to straighten things out in three weeks.

Owing to the general conditions, however, it is likely that these men cannot be secured. About 50 men are at work today. They have been cutting wires and straightening them out as best they can.

Last night the city was in total darkness, and hundreds of lamps, lanterns and candles were sold, while the demand for coal oil was incredulous. The hotels and most of the public places were equipped with these primitive lights, and the sights downtown were really amusing, despite the tragic features.

It is most remarkable that no one was hurt by the falling trees, which block many of the streets and yards, or by some of the poles. The danger from being killed by live wires was eliminated by the prompt action of Acting Mayor Reed yesterday in ordering the power shut off.

Last night Marshal Crow, after a

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IT IS EVERYWHERE

Vast Damage Wrought All Over the State.

Reports of Losses are Coming in Slowly Because of Wires Being Down.

THERE ARE A GREAT MANY SUFFERERS

IN DAVIESS.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 30.—Sleet has been falling here for the past twelve hours, and there is now three inches of it on the ground. The telephone wires and electric-light wires are going down rapidly. The Cumberland Telephone Exchange was partially burned out just before noon by wires falling on the electric-light wire. The light plant has shut down for the day, paralyzing a number of industries dependent on it for power, among them the newspaper offices. There is great destruction among the timber, and a number of roofs in the city have broken in. The damage cannot be calculated, but it will be very heavy.

AT LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Ky. Jan. 30.—The danger here has been great, and much traffic is tied up. The sleet is the heaviest ever recorded in the office of the local forecast station, two and a half inches having fallen. The storm is general from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic ocean, but is heaviest in the Ohio and Central Mississippi valleys.

IN FAYETTE.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 30.—A sleet approaching in heaviness that of December, 1900, is falling here this morning. There was already a heavy snow on the ground and the trees, telegraph and telephone wires are almost to the breaking point. The street cars are unable to move on several lines.

ORCHARDS RUINED.

Bowling Green, Ky. Jan. 30.—The worst sleet in years fell here last night. Telephone and telegraph wires are down and the telephone service is practically suspended. Every shade tree in town had branches broken, and the orchards in the country are ruined.

CAN'T STOP IN LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Jan. 30.—Mayor Granger has received notice from Washington that Prince Henry will be unable to visit Louisville.